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Internment Remembrance Suggested



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SOUTH BAY (KRON) -- If a South Bay Congressman has his way, February 19th will become a national day of remembrance to mark the internment of thousands of Japanese-Americans.

Congressman Mike Honda is back on his home turf this holiday, talking about the lessons learned - and not learned - from the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

It was February 19th, 1942, when President Roosevelt authorized the internment of more than 120,000 Japanese-Americans. Now, Congressman Mike Honda wants colleagues to officially recognize every February 19th as a day of remembrance.

Congressman Howard Coble recently suggested in a radio interview that in the context of the times President Roosevelt made an appropriate decision in interning Japanese-Americans. The fuss that followed included criticism from Honda, although Honda stopped short of suggesting that Coble step down from a house subcommittee overseeing homeland security.

The North Carolina Congressman later released a statement saying the internment was the wrong decision. He has refused to step down from his subcommittee post.

As for Honda's resolution, it will probably be passed within the new few weeks.

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